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THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"(a) Yes.
"(b) No.
"(c) The High School has been located in a separate rented building."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"May I know from the Hon. Minister the actual reason which led this member of an Indian Christian family, who is a teacher in the New Muslim High School, Bellary, and his wife and children to be converted to Islam?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—"The matter has been gone into and the Commissioner has reported that the conversion was due to the conviction that Islam is better than Christianity."

Distribution of seats in Government colleges.

*138 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are Government Orders prescribing distribution of seats in Government Colleges including the Engineering and Medical Colleges for linguistic areas;

(b) whether instructions have also been issued regarding representation of communities and classes and if so, what they are;

(c) whether reports, if any, have been received from the Director of Public Instruction on the actual working of these orders and instructions; and

(d) whether instructions regarding representation of communities and classes are applicable only to selections for admission into colleges for the first time or for subsequent classes as well as after each University examination?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"(a) Admissions into the Engineering and the Medical Colleges are made on linguistic basis, but admissions into Arts Colleges are not on this basis.

"(b) No rigid communal proportion has been laid down for admission into Arts Colleges. The Principals have been requested to exercise the greatest care in seeing that due representation is given to non-Brahmans, to all minority communities, to Muhammadans, to Harijans and to women. In the matter of admission to the Engineering Colleges and the Medical Colleges, however, communal proportion has been laid down as shown below :—

	Out of 12 seats.
Non-Brahman Hindus	5
Brahmans	2
Muslims	2
Anglo-Indians, Indian Christians or Non-Asiatics.	2
Harijans	1

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" It has also been ordered that due regard should be paid to the admission of students from backward and unrepresented communities.

" (c) Reports have been received from the Director of Public Instruction about the distribution of seats in the Engineering Colleges on the linguistic basis. No reports about the general working of the instructions for admissions to colleges have been received from the Director.

" (d) The order as it stands may apply to admissions in all classes but in practice it applies only to the juniormost class in which admissions are usually made."

11-30 a.m. SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, the reasons which led the Government to change their policy from last year? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" The reason was that there have been agitation from other communities that their boys did not get proper representation in regard to admission in these colleges."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether in addition to the claims of backward communities the claims of backward areas will also be looked into in regard to this matter? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, in reply to clause (d) the Hon. Minister for Education was pleased to say that generally representations from all communities are taken into account only when admissions are made into the juniormost classes. Will the Government be pleased to instruct the Principals of these colleges to see that the representations of all communities are not taken into account in respect of admissions to higher classes also? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" It is not necessary, Sir, for the reason that admission is made only to the juniormost classes of the Engineering and Medical Colleges and normally admissions are not made to the higher classes and so the rules apply only to admission to the juniormost classes."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, I have in my mind admission to colleges other than the Engineering and Medical Colleges? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" In regard to other colleges these rules do not apply, but the rules issued in 1942 have been applied to other colleges."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Sir, in the matter of education communal considerations should not come in the way of boys and girls becoming educated and so may I know whether it is the duty of the Government to provide schools and colleges irrespective of the communities whether backward or forward, so that they may get education provided they are ready? "

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THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"I accept it as a general view, but under practical exigencies this rule has to be resorted to."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"May I ask, Sir, why a certain proportion should not be set apart for merit as recommended in the Bhore Committee's Report?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"The difficulty has been that people who are meritorius in colleges have not been meritorious in practice."

K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—"Is it not a fact that while giving effect to the Government Order relating to communal representation, the actual purpose of that order is nullified by the authorities who make admissions to colleges by prescribing higher standards for admission?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"No, Sir. Different standards have been fixed for different communities."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, whether all Muslims who applied for admission to the colleges were admitted?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"I don't catch the question."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister for Education will be pleased to consider the suggestion made by the hon. Member, Mr. Muthuranga Mudaliyar and see that the restriction on account of representation of communities is removed as far as possible?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"I think the hon. Member did not understand the suggestion of the hon. Member, Mr. Muthuranga Mudaliyar. What he said was that Government should consider the opening of colleges so that all people who have a desire for higher education should be enabled to do so. That was the question. He also suggested that in the matter of admission there should be no distinction of communities."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know, Sir, why Mr. V. L. Ethiraj's College has not yet materialized?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"That question does not arise from this."

MR. PRESIDENT :—"However, if the Hon. Minister likes, he may answer it."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"I understand that Mr. Ethiraj could not find buildings or other places to run his college. He is anxious to run the college within the City but he is not able to find the necessary accommodation. That is, what I understand, the reason for not starting it."

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K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is it not possible for the Government to help Mr. Ethiraj in finding accommodation? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Yes, Sir, but concrete proposals must come from Mr. Ethiraj himself."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I hope hon. Members will not make that a principal question." (Laughter.)

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask, Sir, whether the buildings recently vacated by the military cannot be made available for this college? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Of course, Government will be happy to consider the suggestion if Mr. Ethiraj will go round and see what buildings are vacant which will be suitable for the college and then if he applies to Government, the Government will certainly consider the matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will not the Government take the initiative in the matter, since Mr. Ethiraj, though anxious, may be otherwise busy? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " It is difficult for the Government to do so, without being approached by the person concerned."

Restoration of tanks in Rayalaseema.

* 139 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of ruined tanks restored in Rayalaseema during the past seven years, i.e., from 1940;

(*b*) the extent of ayacut under these restored tanks;

(*c*) whether all the ayacut has been brought under cultivation;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the cultivators owning lands under these restored tanks find it difficult to bring the lands under cultivation immediately the tanks are restored;

(*e*) whether the question of exempting the ayacutdars from wet assessment or water-rate for a period of time to enable them to bring the lands under cultivation has ever been considered; and

(*f*) whether the Government will be pleased to place the orders of Government on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" (*a*) to (*e*) Information is contained in the statement [a] laid on the table.

" (*f*) The Government do not consider it possible to lay all the orders on the table of the House."

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 735–736 infra.